

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are canceled. Claims 50-69 are new. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Based Upon 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-6, 9-10, 15-29, 31, and 36-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,072,864 (Shtivelman et al.). Applicant has canceled claims 1-49 and has submitted new claims 50-69. Shtivelman does not anticipate new claims 50-69 for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 50 recites a service control point (SCP) configured to determine redirection capabilities for a first destination based upon a dialed number received into the SCP in a first query for a call. Shtivelman discloses a network cloud that processes a speed dial number to transfer a call from a call center. The network cloud could include an SCP. (Shtivelman, col. 7, lines 15-40). However, Shtivelman does not disclose the SCP configured to determine the redirection capabilities for the first destination to which the call is initially connected. Claim 50 advantageously provides for independently defining call redirection capabilities for a toll-free number that terminates on a trunk group independent of the redirection capabilities of other toll-free numbers that terminate on the same trunk group. (Specification, page 11, lines 20-25).

Independent claims 61 and 69 contain similar limitations as claim 50 and are therefore allowable over the prior art for the same reasons as claim 50. Dependent claims 51-60 and 62-68 depend from allowable independent claims and are therefore allowable.

CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore solicits their allowance.



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